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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT: Increase in the Table of Organization of Foreign Documents Division Necessary to Meet Urgent Requirements
REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

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1. The primary responsibility of providing a central service of exploitation of foreign-language publications, which was placed upon the Director of Central Intelligence by National Security Council Directive No. 16, was delegated to the Office of Operations, Foreign Documents Division. In implementing that Directive, the Advisory Committee on NSCID-16 directed the formation of a working subcommittee on exploitation. In answer FDD called together representatives of the consumer agencies and offices and examined a) the needs of the consumers; b) the scope of all existing exploitation facilities; c) the capacity of those facilities to satisfy expressed needs; and d) what adjustments FDD could make to meet the unsatisfied needs of the consumers.

2. In spite of continuous streamlining of operations, improvement of management and efficiency in the use of manpower, and very close operational liaison with the consumers, it is now apparent that Foreign Documents Division cannot provide the services for which it is responsible without augmentation of the currently authorized table of organization. Considerably more manpower than that enumerated below is needed to meet the requirements of the intelligence community for information from documentary sources; however, it is believed that the following outlines those positions which can be recruited in the fiscal year and which will be necessary to meet the most urgent needs not being satisfied at this time.

3. SCIENTIFIC -- The importance and need for expanded coverage of Soviet scientific literature has been stressed in the Hoover Report. New scientific periodicals are being received from the USSR which carry valuable information for the substantive analysis of scientific research in the area. Coverage of 43 scientific periodicals regularly received has been needed for some time, but screening and abstracting of these titles has not been possible with present manpower. In order to cover the most important of this material [REDACTED] positions must be added to the Scientific and Technical Branch.

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4. CHINA -- The question, "How can we get more and better information on China?" appears in numerous studies within the intelligence system. Foreign Documents Division has the largest amount of unique source material available in government. These publications carry information which is not available from other sources. The Division has the only sizable staff of qualified linguist intelligence officers on the area and the only common service exploitation operation geared specifically to the needs of intelligence. The present complement cannot answer all of the most pressing requirements of the consumers and useful information is currently being lost. The defense agencies, NSA, Department of State, and CIA during a review of FDD's China program have all expressed the importance of what is now being done but have added that there is urgent need for wider and deeper coverage. The following subjects, for which requirements are expressed, cannot be covered at this time: Telecommunications and power, Basic construction, Management and operational aspects of industry, Regional planning and control, political theory and party practice, and Provincial and local budgets and finance. In order to meet the most important needs not now being supplied, it will be necessary to add [] to the Far East Branch.

5. EASTERN EUROPE -- The military reporting of FDD is depended upon by the defense agencies, NSA, and others. The Eastern European military report has been termed "a valuable service meeting a serious need" in Subcommittee sessions. The only complaint registered being that it is "not complete enough." Considerably more unique information is available in the source material than is being reported as only part time of an officer in each of the following countries can now be spared: Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Rumania. [] must be added to each of these countries in order to supply this information or [] for the Eastern Europe Branch.

6. USSR -- A great and increasing need has been expressed by the DD/P area for systematic coverage of information on the physical characteristics, size and composition of population, living conditions, cultural make-up, industries, manpower, transportation, communication, and security of Soviet cities. Careful study and a number of meetings with requestors has failed to disclose any possibility of providing this information without the addition of [] to the USSR Branch.

7. SUPPORT -- In adjusting to meet the needs of the IAC agencies under NSCID-16 more information is being produced for publication, and time schedules on periodic reports have placed additional strain on the limited facilities of FDD. In order to prevent backlogs in the Editorial Section, it has been necessary to [] at a time from the area branches. This has forced a limitation on the respective areas but the information is useless until published and disseminated, hence there has been no alternative. In order to remedy this problem, [] must be added to the Reports Branch.

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In support of the additional production and to preserve normal clerical balance, [] Clerk Typists are necessary, assigned as follows: [] to the USSR and Eastern Europe Branches [] the Reports Branch.

Branch GS-11 GS-9 GS-4 Total

USSR
Scientific and
Technical (USSR)
Eastern Europe
Far East (China)
Reports

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8. It is requested that action be taken to increase FDD's T/O and ceiling []

9. Funds have been included in FDD's FY 1956 operating budget for the above requested increase.

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* The above submission is in accordance with the increase requested in the FDD 1956 Operating Budget submitted to the Budget Division 6 June 1955 to provide for the most urgent requirements during the current fiscal year.

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